

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 12, 2006.

RESTRICTION:

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-53 of the present application to the following Groups:

Group I, including claims 1-51, is drawn to a devolatilizer nozzle and method of making a devolatilizer nozzle, classified in class 29, subclass 432 as well as class 159, subclass 45.

Group II, including claims 52-53, is drawn to a method of processing polymer resins by devolatilizing, classified in class 203, subclass 88.

To facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-51, identified as Group I, with traverse and reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected Group II claims.

It is believed that an action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested. Please debit or credit Deposit Account No. 03-3345 accordingly for any additional fees or overcharges as necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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